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Chapter 2 : Stephen Foster - Simple English Wikipedia, the free encyclopedia

Stephen Foster (): Father of American music - Wrote white salon music (I Dream of Jeanie with the Light Brown Hair) and African-inflected music (De Camptown Races, Oh Susanna) for minstrel shows.

Civil War Songs Stephen S. Born in , Foster achieved a solid education in the classics and spent a short time in Jefferson College in Pennsylvania but left after a short period of study. Disseminated as sheet music, its heyday came in the 19th century, as a result of a steady increase in the number of households with enough surplus cash to purchase musical instruments and instruction in music, and with the leisure time and cultural motivation to engage in recreational music-making. Its popularity waned in the 20th century as the phonograph record and radio replaced sheet music as the most common method of dissemination of popular music. The Civil War brought an abrupt change to a number of his songs. Foster and his wife were, by supporters of each spouse, incompatible. She had no understanding of his temperament or his profession. She felt he should be a clerk with a regular salary. This conflict led to Foster often staying out late and carousing with friends and family. Nonetheless, their bond must have been sincere, for they made numerous attempts at reconciliation and domestic life. Beyond his financial and domestic strife, Foster suffered two personal crises. The book shattered his innocence about the nature of slavery and lives of African Americans in general. Foster shared the generalized racism of the 19th century, but he was no bigot as we understand the term in the 21st century. He often worked with showman and promoters to soften the harsh bigotry of most Minstrel shows, at times demanding that the actors in Blackface show understanding--if not compassion--for their black characters. Yet, yet he loved Black Face minstrel shows as a musical form and a means of making money. The emotional turmoil found another outlet during the Presidential campaign; he wrote political copy and songs for the Doughface Democrats who felt that keeping the South in the Union was, well, stupid. He lashed out with great energy. However, Foster in general was non-political unlike most of his extended family who were traditional Democrats with a dislike of the Republican Party and particularly Abolitionists. The experience left him frustrated with himself. To use literary terminology, Foster was a Romantic sentimentalist faced with a growing presence of Realism. Frustrated, angry, and broke, he turned to destructive habits including drinking binges, writing music quickly and selling his work cheaply. The lack of financial rewards for his work, a broken marriage, and depression brought on by the Civil War, he spiraled down. For a time, he teamed up with a lyricist George Cooper; the pair wrote too hits quite popular today: His health was failing, he lost pride in his work, often mocking it. Near the end, his creativity, health, and native talent lay in ashes. However, one dying ember flared into brilliant flame, unsurpassed even by himself at his creative prime: But, America of dreams was asleep in the nightmare of the Civil War. He wished this dreamer would awake--for him. His behavior continued to self-destruct. Starving and weak, he felt hitting and cutting his head and cutting his neck. Like Poe, he pathetically died broke and in delirium. At their deaths, they both were recognized immediately as geniuses. Too late, by my reckoning. The songs of Woody Guthrie and others begin here. Several of these endured through the war but given new meanings and greater depth. Now in the 21st century, his song continues to have meaning. Foster and Poe share similarities in their lives and importance. About the age of three, both suffered a severe sense of loss. Poe lost his mother; Foster lost his beloved home. The emotions of loss stayed with both men and served to determine themes and subjects of their works. Even The Beatles performed their own rendition of "Beautiful Dreamer."

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"This history of folk music looks at musicians, collectors and other figures from around the world. The book presents an overview of international folk roots from the seventeenth century to the mid-twentieth century and shows the contributions of the artists and the evolution of folk music as a force for political and social change"--Provided by publisher.

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Chapter 5 : Stephen Foster - Wikipedia

Stephen Collins Foster (July 4, - January 13,), known as the "father of American music", was the pre-eminent songwriter in the United States of the 19th century. His songs "such as "Oh!

He was the youngest of the Foster children, and was named for Stephen Collins, a child friend of the family who died at age 12, and for William Collins, a family friend and well known attorney. The Fosters were married on November 14, in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania. William Barclay Foster was a leader on the western frontier of Pennsylvania. He had settled near Pittsburgh. The Fosters had several children: A son was born in , but died in . William Barclay Foster had sired an illegitimate son before his marriage. This boy was raised in the Foster family. The Fosters lived in an elegant cottage high on a hillside above the Allegheny River in Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania, a suburb of Pittsburgh planned and developed by William Barclay Foster. Their son, James, Jr. After the Revolution, many of the Scots-Irish families of Virginia including the Fosters migrated to western Pennsylvania. William Barclay Foster settled near Pittsburgh. He was a merchant who sometimes traveled as far away as Louisiana. He met his wife, Eliza Clayland Tomlinson, in Philadelphia. She was a Scots-Irish aristocrat of Wilmington, Delaware. The couple were married in Chambersburg, Pennsylvania, and traveled miles overland to Pittsburgh. The couple were among the social elite of the frontier and associated with the best families. Boyhood and youth[change change source] William Barclay Foster had serious financial troubles. In , The White Cottage and other Foster properties were seized by the government when Foster failed to pay the mortgages. Stephen thereafter was moved about, sometimes living with relatives. His mother remembered him later in her life as a boy marching about with a feather in his cap and pounding on a drum while whistling "Auld Lang Syne". She noted that there was something "original" about the boy. Stephen was five when he attended an "infant school". In he went to the Alleghany Academy, a school for the social elite founded by the Presbyterian clergyman Rev. In , Stephen went to a black church with Olivia Pise, a mulatto servant. Family legends say Stephen played harmonies on a guitar at age two, and played a flageolet with perfection in a music store at age seven. At age nine, he sang and performed with other boys in their own neighborhood theatrical productions. African melodies were popular and Stephen sung these tunes with gusto. Rice in his blackface role Cover to early edition of Jump Jim Crow sheet music, The creation of the American minstrel show is credited to Thomas Dartmouth "Daddy" Rice , an actor whose performance of the song " Jump Jim Crow " in the dress of an aged African American created an overnight sensation in Pittsburgh. The tune was written down and given a piano accompaniment by W. Peters, a music shop owner in Pittsburgh. In the s, they organized themselves into quartets, bands, and other ensembles and performed in theatres and other halls. One Nelson Kneass performed as a minstrel, but disbanded his group in Pittsburgh about . He opened a hall with a stage at one end, and served refreshments for the price of a ticket. Prizes were offered for the best riddles, etc. Foster was living in Cincinnati in and , but his brother Morrison wrote him asking for a song. The song did not win the contest but set Foster on the road to minstrel songwriting. Foster wrote 28 songs for the minstrel stage. They differ substantially in subject matter and musical style from his household songs. They are written in a negro dialect and their accompaniments suggest banjo -picking. Their musical style is sourced to African American music and the traditional and folk music of British Americans. Many of these songs were written for minstrel groups of the period such as the Sable Harmonists and the Christy Minstrels. The best of these songs are " Oh! She was the daughter of Andrew N. The attraction between Foster and McDowell remains a mystery: Jane was on the edge of the Foster circle of friends, and had no special musical talents or interests. She may have broken an engagement to another man to marry Foster. The marriage was troubled for unknown reasons, and the couple lived apart. They had separated for the first time by the spring of . Jane took Marion to Lewistown, Pennsylvania, where her mother and sister lived. Stephen went to New York City to pursue songwriting. The couple reunited within a year, but separated again and again. He was having money troubles, and his alcoholism was worsening. Jane

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moved to Greensburg, Pennsylvania, where she worked as a telegraph operator for the Pennsylvania Railroad. Her daughter was probably left with relatives elsewhere. Wiley, a baggage handler and express agent. She supported several relatives including her daughter, her mother, and her grandchildren. She died in of burns suffered when a spark set her clothing on fire while she dozed near a fireplace. Marion Foster - married William Welsh and had three children. After living in St. She was poor, gave piano lessons into her seventies, and battled the government unsuccessfully for repossession of a piece of land once belonging to her grandfather. They believed this draft was unfair. It weighed heavily against the poor and allowed the rich to buy their way out. Rioters destroyed several buildings, including the Colored Orphan Asylum, and lynched blacks from lamp posts. Between and people died during the four days of rioting. His best days as a songwriter were over. His audience had divided itself along political, economic, and racial lines. On Saturday 9 January , Foster felt sick and went to bed early. He was staying in a poor but decent hotel on the Bowery. On Sunday morning, he spoke to a maid at his door, then turned and fell, breaking a piece of crockery that gashed his neck. His comrade George Cooper who lived only four blocks away was sent for. He found Foster naked in a pool of blood. A doctor arrived and the gash was sewn up. Foster was dressed, and taken to a ward for the poor at Bellevue Hospital. He was entered in the register as a "laborer". On 13 January, he was eating soup when he fainted dead away. His corpse was put in a coffin and removed to the hospital morgue. In his pocket was found a few coins and a scrap of paper reading, "Dear friends and gentle hearts". It was probably a combination of alcoholism, poor diet, and loss of blood, or a heart attack or stroke. He was buried near his father and mother. His death was not recorded in most newspapers. The New York Post however compared his melodies to those of Donizetti. The Round Table wrote that Foster was "an amateur writer" barely familiar with the rules of musical composition. The Table did praise his pathos and humor though.

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Chapter 6 : William Barclay Foster - Wikipedia

Stephen Stills is an American folk musician, best known as a member of the vocal super group Crosby, Stills, Nash and Young. He is the first person to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of.

Blackface Minstrelsy "I suspect that Stephen Foster owed something to this well, this mystery, this sorrow. Something there suggests close acquaintance with my people The tenth child died as an infant, leaving Stephen as the "baby" of the family to be indulged by older brothers and sisters. One thread of the tale is that he detested school and so was poorly educated. In truth, as a young boy Stephen evinced more interest in music than in other subjects. But as the child of a middle-class family in an era before tax-supported public education, he variously was privately tutored, then schooled at private academies in Pittsburgh and in north-central Pennsylvania. He expressed a distaste for rote learning and recitation, but was an avid reader and eventually became a literate, well-educated person by the standards of his day. Stephen, his brother Morrison, and his close friend, Charles Shiras, were all members of an all-male secret club called Knights of the S. One of their principal activities was singing, with Stephen acting first as song leader and then composer. Some of his earliest songs--perhaps including "Oh! Susanna"--were composed for the group. His first published song, "Open Thy Lattice Love", appeared from a Philadelphia music publisher when Stephen was only There he also sold some of his songs and piano pieces to a local music publisher and had his first big hit with "Oh! Their daughter Marion Marion Foster was born the following year. In the couple took a delayed honeymoon, a month-long steamship ride to New Orleans with friends, the only trip Stephen ever made to the deep south he had visited Ohio River towns in Kentucky as a child. They returned to Pittsburgh later that year, living first in the family home and then a series of boarding houses after both of his parents died in Another thread in the mythic fabric is that Foster dashed off perfect masterpieces in a flash of inspiration, songs expressing the sentiment of American ante-bellum South. Yet, aside from these absences, visits to the family in Ohio, and until he went to New York for good in , Stephen spent much of his life in Pittsburgh where he worked consistently at his songwriting, keeping a thick sketchbook to draft ideas for song lyrics and melodies. As a professional songwriter of unparalleled skill and technique--not an untutored musical genius--he had made it his business to study the various music and poetic styles circulating in the immigrant populations of the new United States. Foster worked very hard at writing, sometimes taking several months to craft and polish the words, melody, and accompaniment of a song before sending it off to a publisher. His sketchbook shows that he often labored over the smallest details, the right prepositions, even where to include or remove a comma from his lyrics. Rather than writing nostalgically for an old South it was, after all, the present day for him , or trivializing the hardships of slavery, Foster sought to humanize the characters in his songs, to have them care for one another, and to convey a sense that all people--regardless of their ethnic identities or social and economic class--share the same longings and needs for family and home. He instructed white performers of his songs not to mock slaves but to get their audiences to feel compassion for them. In his own words, he sought to "build up taste It is possible that the sense of compassion reflected in some of his songs was aided and encouraged by his boyhood friend and artistic collaborator [ardent abolitionist] Charles Shiras. Inspired by local appearances by William Lloyd Garrison and Frederick Douglass, Shiras launched a crusading abolitionist newspaper, and subsequently published a volume of anti-slavery and anti-capitalist verse. He and Stephen wrote at least one song together, and a stage work that was performed but never published and is now lost. Though another thread of the myth romantically portrays Stephen Foster as such a pure artist that he had no business sense and squandered all his wealth, in fact he kept his own account books, documenting down to the penny how much his publishers paid him for each song, and he calculated his probable future earnings on each piece. His contracts were written out in his own hand; they are the earliest ones we know of between American music publishers and individual songwriters. In reality, Foster was not an idle street musician without direction in his life, he was a pioneer. There was no music business as we know it sound recording

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was not invented until 13 years after his death; radio, 66 years ; no system of publishers and agents vying to sell new songs; no "performing rights" fees from restaurant singers or minstrels or theater musicians or concert recitalists; no way of earning money except through a 5-to percent royalty on sheet music sales of his own editions by his original publisher, or through the outright purchase of a song by a publisher. Copyright law protected far less than it does today: It took three hours to get him to the hospital, and in that era before transfusions and antibiotics, he succumbed after three days. Last updated June 6,

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Growing up in a section of the city where many European immigrants had settled, Foster was accustomed to hearing the music and musical styles of the Italian, Scots-Irish, and German residents in the neighborhood. He composed his first song when he was 14 and entitled it the "Tioga Waltz". The first song he had published was "Open thy Lattice Love" The inclusion of his hymns in hymnals ended by Some titles of the hymns are: Songs and Hymns of the Civil War Era. The publishers kept the sheet music manuscripts and did not give them to libraries nor return them to his heirs. Some of his original, hand-written scores were bought and put into private collections and the Library of Congress. American baritone Nelson Eddy recorded 35 Foster songs over three recording sessions in July, August, and September on Columbia Records, in 78 format , two songs per record. A and Volume 2: Just before his death in , singer-songwriter Randy VanWarmer completed an entire album of Stephen Foster songs; it was released posthumously as Sings Stephen Foster. Susanna" on his album, Sweet Baby James. The performances are in the style of a 19th-century parlor performance rather than in the manner of a formal concert. Critics and controversies[edit] Historians speculate that Foster may have been "a drunkard". Thirty years after his death, one reporter described him as paying "the penalty of an irregular life", being "weak-willed" and writing songs about people of "a pathetic character". However, Foster unveiled the realities of slavery in his work while also imparting dignity to African Americans in his compositions, especially as he grew as an artist. This form of public entertainment lampooned African Americans as buffoonish, superstitious, without a care, musical, lazy, and dim-witted. The shows evolved, and by blackface minstrel shows were a separate musical art form accessible to the general public in contrast with opera , which was more upper-class. The structure was identified by notable historians of the time as being authentic and was then deconstructed and moved "piece by piece" from Lawrenceville, Pennsylvania now Pittsburgh , to Greenfield Village , Michigan. Greenfield Village still displays a structure that is identified as the birthplace of Stephen Foster. A revival ran at the Cell Theater in New York in early He went on to write a piece entitled "Tribute to Foster," a composition for mixed choir, orchestra, and pitched wine glasses based on the melody of "Camptown Races. Other events[edit] "Stephen Foster! During the call to the post, selections of Stephen Foster songs are played by the track bugler, Steve Buttleman. The day is headlined by the Stephen Foster Handicap , a Grade I dirt race for older horses at 9 furlongs. In , Congress authorized the minting of a silver half dollar in honor of the Cincinnati Musical Center. Foster was featured on the obverse of the coin. The camp offers piano courses, choir, band, and orchestra ensembles. The statue was removed following complaints about the banjo-playing slave seated next to Foster. Added in , he is among only 98 honorees from 15 classes of distinguished men and women. There is also a statue of him next to the Federal Hill mansion , where he visited relatives and which is the inspiration for My Old Kentucky Home. The scene was featured in the film Florence Foster Jenkins in It is the largest repository for original Stephen Foster compositions, recordings, and other memorabilia his songs have inspired worldwide. Foster State Park in Georgia. Both parks are on the Suwannee River. Held the first weekend of July, Doo Dah Days! On the unanimous recommendation of the Pittsburgh Art Commission, the statue was removed on April 26, It has a long reputation as the most controversial public art in Pittsburgh "for its depiction of an African-American banjo player at the feet of the seated composer. Critics say the statue glorifies white appropriation of black culture, and depicts the vacantly smiling musician in a way that is at best condescending and at worst racist. The Task Force held a series of community forums in Pittsburgh to collect public feedback on the statue replacement and circulated an online form which allowed the public to vote for one of seven previously selected candidates or write in an alternate suggestion. These materials where obtained from philanthropists, donated by collectors or his heirs.

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Chapter 8 : Who is Stephen Foster dating? Stephen Foster girlfriend, wife

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Chapter 9 : List of songs written by Stephen Foster - Wikipedia

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